

VERMONT CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

1 – SITE PREPARATION

1. Scope

The work shall consist of the clearing, clearing and grubbing, and the removal, salvage and disposal of trees, snags, logs, brush, shrubs, stumps, rubbish and structures (including fences) from the designated areas.

2. Protection of existing vegetation and structures

Trees, woody vegetation, structures, and other areas designated to remain undisturbed shall be protected from damage throughout the duration of the construction period. Any damages resulting from the contractor's operations or neglect shall be repaired by the contractor.

Earthfill, stockpiling of materials, vehicular parking, and excessive foot or vehicular traffic shall not be allowed within the drip line of vegetation designated to remain in place. Vegetation damaged by any of these or similar actions shall be replaced with viable vegetation of the same species, similar condition, and like size. Any structures damaged shall be repair at the contractor's expense.

Any cuts, skins, scrapes, or bruises to the bark of the vegetation shall be carefully trimmed and local nursery accepted procedures used to seal damaged bark.

Any limbs or branches 0.5 inch or larger in diameter that are broken, severed, or otherwise seriously damaged during construction shall be cut off at the base of the damaged limb or branch flush with the adjacent limb or tree trunk. All roots 1-inch or larger in diameter that are cut, broken, or otherwise severed during construction operations shall have the end smoothly cut perpendicular to the root. Roots exposed during excavation or other operations shall be covered with moist earth or backfilled as soon as possible to prevent the roots from drying out.

3. Marking

The limits of the area(s) to be cleared, cleared and grubbed, and structures to be removed will be marked by stakes, flags, tree markings, or other suitable methods. Trees to be left standing and uninjured will be designated by special markings placed on the trunk about 6 feet above the ground surface.

4. Clearing

All trees not marked for preservation and all snags, logs, brush, shrubs, stumps, rubbish, and similar materials shall be cleared from within the limits of the marked areas. Unless specified otherwise trees and woody vegetation to be clear shall be cut of 12 inches above the ground.

5. Clearing and grubbing

All trees not marked for preservation and all snags, logs, brush, stumps, shrubs, rubbish, and similar materials shall be cleared from within the limits of the designated areas. Unless otherwise specified, all stumps, roots, and root clusters that have a diameter of 1 inch or larger shall be grubbed out to a depth of at least 2

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feet below subgrade for concrete structures and 1 foot below the ground surface at embankment sites and other designated areas.

6. Structure Removal

All visible and buried structures designated for removal or within the marked area shall be removed to the specified extent and depth.

7. Salvage

To fullest extent possible timber shall be salvaged for lumber and firewood. Salvageable timber shall be moved to a separate on or off site staging area where further grading and cutting can be done.

Structures or structure parts that are designated to be salvaged shall be carefully removed and neatly placed in the specified or approved storage location.

Material from fences designated to be salvaged shall be placed outside the work area on the property on which the fence was originally located.

8. Disposal

Refuse material and all materials from the designated clearing and clearing and grubbing areas shall be disposed of at locations shown on the drawings or removed off site to an approved landfill or disposal area. Disposal by burning shall be in accordance with local rules and regulations. The contractor is responsible for complying with all local rules and regulations, acquiring all permits, and the payment of any and all fees that may result from this disposal.